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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/010142, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-369154, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S.

Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0194618 to OKADA et al., which was published on December 19, 2002. Applicants note that the International Search Report inadvertently refers to this document as "JP2002-269154" , when it should be ---JP2002-369154---; and

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-128871, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-007035, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning at page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0140091 to IWAMOTO et al., which was published on June 29, 2006;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/596,107 to HASHIMOTO et al., which was filed on May 31, 2006;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/596,109 to TANAKA et al., which was filed on May 31, 2006; and
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 11/568,555 to HASHIMOTO et al., which was filed on November 1, 2006.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent publications and patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

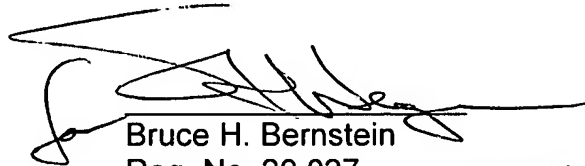
Also, when the above-noted pending applications are published, the Examiner is respectfully requested to list their publication numbers on a PTO 1449 Form (or PTO 892 Form) to confirm consideration thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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